A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by adding a new section to article 10A to be 3 appropriately designated and to read as follows: 4 "\$431:10A- Mammograms; referral not required. (a) No insurer shall require a covered person over the age of forty to 5 6 obtain a referral from a primary care provider or other 7 physician for an annual mammogram. An insurer shall provide 8 full coverage for one mammogram per year obtained pursuant to 9 this section. 10 (b) Depending on the results of the annual no-referral 11 mammogram, a referral for follow up services shall be sent to **12** the patient's primary care physician or other physician, as 13 designated by the patient." 14 SECTION 2. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 15 amended by adding a new section to article 1 to be appropriately

designated and to read as follows:

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         "$432:1- Mammograms; referral not required. (a) No
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    mutual benefit society shall require a covered person over the
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    age of forty to obtain a referral from a primary care provider
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    or other physician for an annual mammogram. A mutual benefit
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    society shall provide full coverage for one mammogram per year
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    obtained pursuant to this section.
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         (b) Depending on the results of the annual no-referral
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    mammogram, a referral for follow up services shall be sent to
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    the patient's primary care physician or other physician, as
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    designated by the patient."
         SECTION 3. Chapter 432, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by adding a new section to article 2 to be appropriately
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    designated and to read as follows:
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         "$432:2- Mammograms; referral not required. (a) No
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    fraternal benefit society shall require a covered person over
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    the age of forty to obtain a referral from a primary care
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    provider or other physician for an annual mammogram. A
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    fraternal benefit society shall provide full coverage for one
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    mammogram per year obtained pursuant to this section.
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         (b) Depending on the results of the annual no-referral
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    mammogram, a referral for follow up services shall be sent to
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    the patient's primary care physician or other physician, as
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    designated by the patient."
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         SECTION 4. Chapter 432D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
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    and to read as follows:
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         "$432D- Mammograms; referral not required. (a) No
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    health maintenance organization shall require a covered person
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    over the age of forty to obtain a referral from a primary care
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    provider or other physician for an annual mammogram. A health
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    maintenance organization shall provide full coverage for one
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    mammogram per year obtained pursuant to this section.
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         (b) Depending on the results of the annual no-referral
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    mammogram, a referral for follow up services shall be sent to
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    the patient's primary care physician or other physician, as
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    designated by the patient."
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         SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
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         SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.
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Report Title:

Mammograms; Accident and Health or Sickness Insurance

Description:

Prohibits an insurer from requiring a doctor's referral for annual mammograms for covered individuals over forty years old. (SD1)

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